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GRAND TREASURE HUNT
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JUBILEE CHICKEN LUNCH*

**PARISH OF SIXPENNY HANDLEY
WITH PENTRIDGE**

June 2002

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The next edition of this Magazine will be published on the 1st August 2002

Copy Deadline is 20th July 2002**Bin Bags**

Some residents have queried the fact that they do not have enough or have not received any Black Bin Bags.

Since June 2001, the EDDC, in order to save delivery costs, have delivered to each residence 2 rolls of bags starting in July. These rolls contain 1 bag per week (ie 52 bags) but they do tend to be generous and you may have enough for an extra one now and again. The next delivery will be in July 2002 – with 2 rolls (Delivery usually made at weekends) to last one year. If you need more bags you can purchase them from the East Dorset District Council.

If you do not receive any at all then contact the EDDS in order that the problem can be rectified.

**PARISH COUNCIL OF THE PARISH OF
SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH PENTRIDGE**

**SIXPENNY HANDLEY WARD
VACANCY FOR A COUNCILLOR**

1. There is a vacancy on the above Council caused by :-
The Resignation of Councillor Mr P .G. Chick

**PENTRIDGE WARD
TWO VACANCIES FOR A COUNCILLOR**

1. There are vacancies on the above Council caused by :-
The Resignations of Councillors Mr R. Riddle & Mr J. Porte

2. A bye-election to fill the vacancy will be held if within 14 days (not counting Saturday Sundays) from the date below, ten electors for the ward give notice in writing claiming such an election to the returning officer.
3. The Address of the Returning Officer is East Dorset District Council, Furzehill, Wimborne, Dorset. BH21 4HN
4. If no such notice is given the Parish Council will fill the vacancy by co-option. Persons interested in filling this vacancy should make an application to the Parish Clerk at the address below as soon as possible.

Dated 16th May 2002. Signed B J Hansford; Parish Clerk
Mr B.J. Hansford 44 Sheasby Close, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, Wilts SP5 5PN

Golden Jubilee Mugs

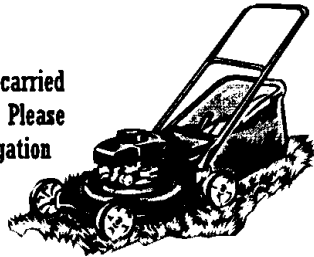
The Jubilee Mugs will be presented to the children by Councillor Tim Palmer on Saturday 1st June (See page 23 for details). Any First School children who are not able to attend the presentation will receive theirs direct from the school after the half term break. Mugs ordered for older/younger children or those ordered for purchase (cost £5 each) and not collected on the day, will be available after the bank-holiday via the editor; contact details at top of page.

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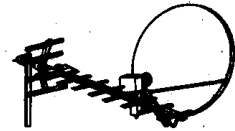
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Extracts From the RHS Journal.

Accolade for Exbury

The 2001 Garden of the Year Award has been won by Exbury Gardens in the New Forest, Hampshire.

This national award, sponsored by the Historic Houses Association and the auctioneers Christie's, is now in its 18th year and is given to a garden considered outstanding both for its horticultural and public appeal. The 80-hectare woodland garden is renowned for its plant collections and displays of rhododendrons, azaleas and camellias, many bred by members of the de Rothschild family.

Russian Satellite Pinpoints Plants

Technical staff at RHS Garden Wisley are currently investigating the possibility of using the global positioning system (GPS) to pinpoint plants in the garden. Data from the GPS device is transferred to a computer to produce a map. At present the garden's 46,000 accessions are plotted manually using a grid system.

The GPS equipment, which uses Russian and American satellites to pinpoint a plant's position to within an accuracy of up to a metre, is helping to map the location of trees at Wisley.

Though work is currently being undertaken by a private contractor, the RHS team hope that they may be able to purchase their own equipment in future.

**St. Mary's Churchyard
(An Unofficial View of Its Conversation Management.)**

To combine the main function of the churchyard as a resting place for the dead, and as a conservation area for living flora and fauna, is not acceptable to everybody, but from my personal stand point it seems a very natural solution indeed. God gave us life, and in that life hope, and hope is shown in the "living world" around us, the natural world. Not only did He give us grass which will not die if constantly mown, or stone that can be cut, polished, carved and shaped, He also gave us millions of species of plants and animals, many of great beauty, some very plain, others very intricate while still more extremely simple but each one can only survive as a very small part of a much more complicated and enormous world, to quote John Donne, "No man is an island.". To ensure that "our" world lives on, it is essential that all things have their chance in life, it is then our responsibility to maintain order, a natural order. This is the object of the team who freely give their time who work there.

The trio of people, who are retired and try to meet on a regular, weekly basis when weather permits, have a total age of 209 years, the youngest of those being myself at sixty, so you see - there is not a lot of help coming from the younger members of the community. Added to this, is the factor of residency in the parish, the above mentioned trio have a grand total of five years. There are exceptions of course and several names were mentioned in the Rev. Ron Wood's weekly notices sheet, but one family was not, therefore with the two names of the trio already mentioned, Denis North and George Jackson, it seems very reasonable to mention by name, the two people who do more in the churchyard than any of us, they are Norma and Ray Churchill, of a family long associated with the village. Thank you both, as you don't blow your own trumpets, we will do it for you

Now for a few requests.

Please:- 1) Could all wire from wreaths and floral displays be either taken home or placed in the dustbin, situated by the wooden bench under the beech tree. If picked up by mowers or strimmers, wire can cause damage to machines and operators as well as wasting time.

2) The two compost bins are purely for compostable materials, i.e. plant remains. Fishing in them for wire, plastic, cellophane wrapping or polythene string is not fun, while broken glass and tins spell disaster, please either take rubbish home or put it in the dustbin.

3) Don't leave glass containers hidden or unprotected, every attempt is made to remove containers before mowing or strimming, but if hidden or grown in, they are invariably broken. Where possible please use plastic or stronger outer containers.

Now to pleasanter things, firstly the management program itself. A copy was published in this magazine some months ago, but if there is not a copy available at the church, and you would like one, please ring 01725 552801, one will be got to you. (This article may be unofficial but the plan certainly is not.) If you want to be a participant in the plan, as a worker, a recorder of wildlife, a genuine critic or simply an observer please come along. There is no prejudice as regards age, sex, experience or ability and you don't need your own tools, in fact all you need to give is your time.

Already this spring there has been a wonderful show of wild flowers liberated after some years of being masked by unwanted growth. By the end of this year it is hoped that the conservation plan will be fully implemented, if you are dissatisfied with the current state please be patient, give all the volunteers a chance.

Thank you for reading this, I hope you are not too disappointed in what has been done and what is intended for the future. As the prayer book says, "In the midst of life we are in death".

Ted Cox (May 2002)

Letters

Since Christmas all Parish Councils in England have received through Her Majesty's Government a new 'code of conduct'. You have probably read in the press of the disquiet this has aroused, leading to Councillors' resignations (including whole Parish Councils) locally and indeed throughout the whole of the country. This is a job, community spirited people do for nothing and it is becoming more and more difficult to recruit candidates when we have elections. I believe on the Sixpenny Handley with Pentridge Parish council that all feel a sense of injustice and an invasion of privacy, as do Councillors nationwide.

I now come to the main reason of the letter, rather than sign the 'code of conduct', 3 members have resigned (a third of our council) many more of us were also tempted to follow suit, but after due consideration have decided to sign and soldier on. I would like it placed on record my grateful thanks to Dick Riddle, John Porte and Patrick Chick for their service to our parish.

Dick and John are fairly recent members, but Patrick has served us loyally since 9th July 1973, many of those years as Chairman. What a great loss he will be to us all, I shall miss your support Pat and your comradeship as indeed I will also John and Dick. One thing this Government cannot take away from us is our friendship. May I wish all three of you, all the best for the future, and hope that one day, things will change and you will be able to return to our council.

John Curtis, Parish Council Chairman

With reference to a previously published letter from a newcomer to Sixpenny Handley, would that person care to explain, anonymously of course, exactly what is meant by calling our village 'Hanging Handley'.

Lorna Starr, St Mary's Court

On the 16th of May, the Parish Council had two meetings: one was the Annual meeting to elect officers etc. and the other was the normal two-monthly full meeting.

Since I was aware that three parish councillors had handed in their resignations, I was interested to see how, at the Annual meeting, the remaining seven could fill all the posts. As expected, the councillors were forced to set aside a number of posts until the Council was at full strength.

One of the requirements of the Parish Council, at its Annual meeting, is to elect the Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the coming year, and this the councillors duly did. However, this year they made a very unusual departure from the normal procedure. Ever since the establishment of the joint parish (the combination of Sixpenny Handley parish and Pentridge parish) for administrative reasons, the composition of the Parish Council has always been seven councillors from Handley and three from Pentridge. The Chairman was then chosen from the Handley group and the Vice-Chairman from the Pentridge group. This year, councillors decided that both positions should be filled by Handley members, although there was a member from Pentridge present.

This change in constitutional practice leads me to the conclusion that it will not be long before all ten councillors are selected from Handley, with no representation from Pentridge whatsoever. It may be time now for parishioners of Pentridge to reconsider the options available.

Most of the time council meetings are fairly boring affairs, but the two-monthly meeting was a little more entertaining than usual for a number of reasons, not least of which was Dr. Gillespie-Smith's contribution. She was at the meeting to express her views on the Parish Council's handling of the planning application for an extension at Orchard House in Pentridge; especially the reference in their observations to "emotional objections from residents in Pentridge, some of which bear very little weight in planning terms". The Chairman of the Council duly apologised for the comments and explained that the parish councillors had little knowledge of planning law. This explanation seems very strange when you consider the number of planning applications councillors are asked to comment upon each term.

Those residents of Woodyates troubled by the noise from the recent open-air party will be interested to learn of our District Councillor's offer at the meeting to act as the initial point of contact for complainants in future cases. *Ian Davies*

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Sixpenny Handley Village Hall

Minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting of Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Management Committee, held in the Village Hall on Monday 29th April 2002

The following organisations were represented:-

WI	Stella Symes
CCF	Ian Geddes, Alec Hunt
Wednesday Club	Carole Wyatt
Flower Arranging	Maggie Staplehurst
Bowls Club	Brian Hansford, Tony Groves, Val Martin
Happy Nappy	Kyla Scougall, Louise Wolstenholme
Chase Nursery	Ian Mereweather, David Hutchins
Youth Club	Jenny Waddon

The Following officials were present:-

Chairman Steve Pharo; Vice Chairman Rob Jesse; Executive Committee Pat Oxford
Treasurer Roger Watkins; Caretaker Julie Richardson; Acting Secretary Tony Henderson
Apologies had been received from Pam Wood, Brian Strong and Michelle Daniels.
There were five members of the public present.

Rob Jesse took the Chair and opened the meeting at 7-30 by thanking everybody for coming, stating the turnout was a great improvement on the previous year, and it was good to see such support for the Village Hall.

1.The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th April 2001 were accepted as a true record and signed.

2.There were no matter arising from the minutes.

3.The Statement of Accounts

The accounts for the year 2001/2002 were distributed, and the treasurer went through them highlighting relevant points. Following some minor questions it was proposed by Carole Wyatt, seconded by Ian Geddes, and unanimously accepted that the accounts for the year, as presented, be adopted.

4.Trust/Charity Document

The Chair gave some background detail of this document and its relevance including:-

- The history since raised in 1997
- The breakdown of the management structure, ie. Trustees, Management Committee and Executive Committee
- The importance of organisations using the Village Hall attending meetings. According to the trust document only the organisations represented at the AGM formed the Management Committee and were eligible to vote during the coming year.
- The resignation of Steve Pharo as Chairman of the Management Committee
- The resignation of Pat Oxford from the Executive Committee
- The resignation of Bridget Hornsby as Secretary
- The relationship between the Parish Council, who owned the land, and the Trustees who leased the Village Hall.
- The importance of getting this document updated to conform with current practice and to specify current user groups or organisations was emphasised
- The Chair asked that a vote of thanks be recorded for those people who had left the committee, and gave his personal thanks for their assistance

5 Election of Executive Committee

a.The Chair read out a letter from Pam Wood offering to assist with the management of the Village Hall. After a short discussion the following were elected to form an Executive Committee:-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Proposed by</u>	<u>Seconded by</u>	<u>Unanimous Vote</u>
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Ian Davies	Carole Wyatt	Ian Geddes	Yes
Steve Pharo	Ian Geddes	Carole Wyatt	Yes
Pam Wood	Carole Wyatt	Stella Symes	Yes
Rob Jesse	Jenny Waddon	Carole Wyatt	Yes

The Treasurer, Secretary and Caretaker would attend this committee

b. Election of Treasurer

There being no other volunteers Roger Watkins was proposed by Alec Hunt, seconded by Carole Wyatt and unanimously voted in as Treasurer.

c. Election of Secretary

There being no other volunteers Tony Henderson was proposed by Kyla Scougall, seconded by Stella Symes and unanimously voted in as Secretary

6. Appointment of Fund-raising and Maintenance Sub-Committees

There were no volunteers to head a Fund-raising Sub-Committee.

Mike Hannam's offer to head a Maintenance Sub-Committee was gratefully accepted. The Chair outlined the assistance already given by Mike Hannam, and stated that any help that could be given to the regulars who already turn up on maintenance days would be appreciated. These days are well advertised and representatives were asked to ensure their groups were aware of them.

7. Any Other Business

It was raised from the floor that the **music quiz** held earlier had been organised by the **Chase Nursery**, not the Happy Nappy as stated in the Downsman. The Chair offered his apologies and stated he would correct it in the next issue.

8. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 8-05.

Minutes of a Meeting of Sixpenny Handley Village Hall Management Committee, held in

the Village Hall on Monday 29th April 2002

1. Attendance as at the AGM.

2. Appointment of Chairman

There were no volunteers for the position of Chairman. After short discussion which included the possibility of joint/shared chairmen, and the possibility of Pam Wood being prepared to stand; it was proposed by Ian Geddes, seconded by Carole Wyatt, and unanimously voted that the appointment of Chairman be deferred until the next meeting. Rob Jesse agreed to Chair this meeting.

3. Treasurer's Report

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed, and the Treasurer highlighted relevant points. The Chair stated that he has asked the auditor, Alan Oxe, to prepare a Profit and Loss for the previous year without any Architects Fees or moneys from fund raising. This had shown that the Village Hall had made a working loss of approximately £30-00 emphasising the need for fund raising if any improvements/maintenance other than day to day tasks were to be undertaken.

4. Consideration of Fees for year 2002/2003

a. During a lengthy discussion the following points were covered:-

- i. The charges from Cranborne and Berwick St James were given for comparison, both were higher than Sixpenny Handley.
- ii. Hire charges alone would not provide sufficient funds to carry out any improvement.
- iii. The difference that would be made to income by one or more organisations deciding not to use the Village Hall.
- iv. The difficulty in striking the balance between raising fees as necessary and ensuring the charges stay within everyone's budget.
- v. The subsidised charges enjoyed by organisations for the children and youth of the community.

Following the discussion it was:-

Proposed by Tony Groves, seconded by Stella Symes that charges remain the same & Proposed

by Louise Wolstenholme and seconded by Carol Wyatt that charges be raised 3.5%
The vote was 5 to 3 in favour of the second proposal

b. The Bowls Club raised the question of giving organisations such as themselves, who booked on a yearly and frequent basis, a discounted rate. It was agreed that should any organisation wish to ask for such a rate they should put their case in writing to the Village Hall Management Committee.

c. It was agreed that the Management Committee should write to the Parish Council to ask if they would be prepared to give some financial support to the subsidised rates given to children and youth organisations.

5. Remuneration of Caretaker

Julie Richardson stated that her wages had been raised over the past few years and she was willing to forego a raise this year to assist the finances. This offer was gratefully accepted by the Management Committee.

6. Maintenance Report

a. The Chair reported on the work recently completed which included:-

Servicing and overhauling of boiler; Protection of guttering boards; Repair and painting of windows; Several minor jobs inside the hall

b. The Chair then outlined future maintenance projects including:-

Replacement of flimsy lids to septic tanks; Pointing of brickwork; Replacement of sunken gravel; Replacement of damaged and heavy furniture; Change to storage facilities; Cleaning of play area to rear of hall, in conjunction with Chase Nursery

The Chair reminded representatives that work days were well advertised and all assistance was gratefully received.

7. Fund-raising:-

The only fund-raising event at present planned was the Auction on June 22, but the Village Hall would benefit from fund raised over the Jubilee weekend. Ian Geddes stated he would discuss the possibility of holding a Horse Racing evening with the committee of the Chase Community Friends. Following the success of the Music Quiz the possibility of another one was also raised. Any organisation wishing to hold a fund raising event was asked to contact the Executive Committee who would then give them as much support and assistance as possible. The importance of fund raising in the overall financial state of the Village hall was again emphasised.

8. Any Other Business

a. Ian Geddes proposed a vote of thanks to Julie Richardson for her generosity in waiving any pay increase.

b. Ian Geddes asked if the Village Hall development plan included any work to the kitchen as the CCF were considering applying for a grant to help refurbish part of this area to ensure it met current hygiene regulations. He asked if the Management Committee were happy for the CCF to investigate this. The Chair stated that there were no plans involving the kitchen, and any improvements would be most welcome.

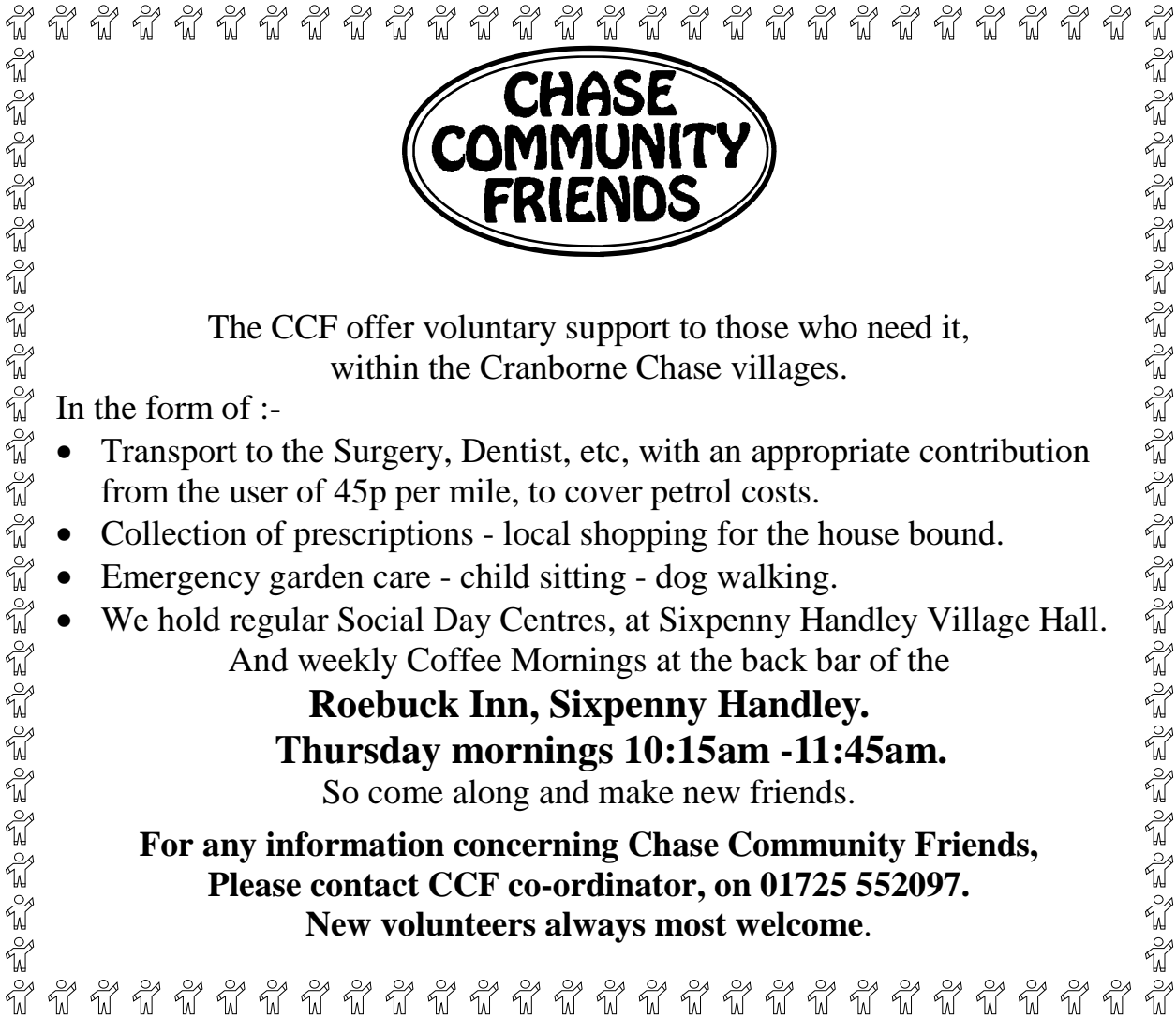
c. Alec Hunt proposed a vote of thanks to Rob Jesse for the work carried out over the past year and for stepping in when Steve Pharo was injured. This was well received, and it was also agreed that it was good to see Steve up and about again, and recovering so well.

d. The Chair stated that new light fittings had been purchased but that plans to fit them had not worked out, and if anyone knew of a contact that might be able to help could they please let him know.

e. Jenny Waddon asked about the problem of ants in the kitchen. Julie Richardson replied that this was a problem and that she was doing all possible to keep them under control, but it was essential that organisation helped by not leaving any food in the kitchen.

9. The date for the next meeting was set for Tuesday 9 July at 7-30 pm

10. There being no further business the meeting was closed at 9-15 pm.



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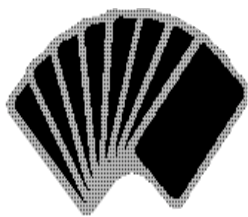
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Whist at The Village Hall

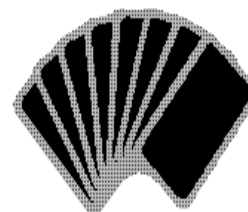
During the course of playing twenty-four hands of whist, it is unusual to be dealt a hand with one of the four suits void, but on 1st May, at the village hall, your scribe had the overall misfortune to pick up three hands, void in hearts, in the first nine deals of the evening. On deal four with spades as trumps, the heart void proved extremely useful and partner and I made nine tricks; on deal five, with hearts as trumps, my hand was, again, void and this time we managed to scramble just two tricks. Then, four hands later, with hearts again being the trump suit, I picked up yet another void, though on this occasion our partnership managed six tricks; still a loss but not so disastrous as deal five!

On the fourth deal of the second half, I sat opposite Edie Langley, our opponents being Mary Bennett and Margaret Fowgies. Spades were trumps and I can recall that I held three to the jack and a doubleton diamond (as events were to prove, Edie held a singleton spade). Apart from the jack of spades, I had not a single honour card so I knew I would have to rely on my partner for any measure of success. Mary was on lead, and the first card out was a small heart; Edie, correctly, played low and Margaret won the trick with the jack. She then led out two top diamonds before switching back to heart. Mary put up the ace and, to her delight, felled my partner's king. Three rounds of trumps were then drawn, followed by the remaining master diamonds; Margaret disposing of clubs (including the ace) and hearts in order to hold on to the remaining trumps. Thirteen tricks brilliantly brought home; the first time that a maximum has been achieved since the new season got under way last September.

The final competitive round took place on 15 May, and prizes will be awarded at the final drive of the season, scheduled for 29th May. A full report will appear in the August edition of The Downsman.

Bridge at The Roebuck

During my absence, bridge at The Roebuck has gone from strength to strength and three tables are in play on most Wednesday evenings. A warm welcome is extended to Chris and Angie Snape whose presence has enhanced proceedings, while from time to time Paul Noble visits from Cranborne thus guaranteeing some very competitive bidding! However, it is to the established stalwarts George and Silvia Marskell that plaudits are due for a very well played (by Silvia) four diamond contract (it really was a cliff hanger) during a recent session that featured a number of interesting deals, while for swiftness of landing a rubber no one could better Chris Snape and Trish Chorley who bid, and made, four spades on deal one and three no trumps on deal two. Sally David and Anne Read also put up a good show; Sally opened a preempt three diamonds (a weak hand but with a minimum of seven diamonds), over which Anne was able to bid three hearts (she also held the queen of diamonds and some top cards in the other suits). Their opponents, Chris Snape and Helen Goodwin, inserted a four spades bid and when Sally, bravely, called five diamonds, Helen doubled for penalties.



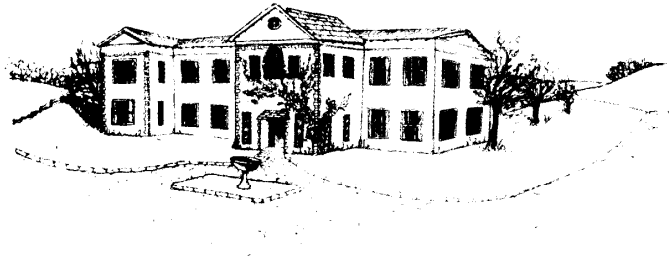
The first two tricks went to Chris and Helen, but Sally was able to win the continuation and having drawn trumps (Chris and Helen held five diamonds between them) was able to cross to Anne's powerhouse of hearts and run them down to make her contract. Even more satisfying, their partnership was vulnerable!

Finally, I have been asked if there is a chess club in the village; to the best of my knowledge the answer is "no", so if there are any chess players amongst the readership, may I suggest you come along to the Bridge evenings as, I believe, one or two of us have an understanding of the game.

Bill Chorley

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Rob's Column

March Winds and April Showers. Country Weather Lore, by Ralph Whitlock

All over Europe, May Day has from very ancient times been celebrated as a spring festival. By May 1st spring has obviously arrived, despite occasional subsequent lapses. The air is filled with bird song; swallows have returned to nest in the barns; bluebells, primroses and wood anemones are carpeting the woods. (It is worth bearing in mind that before the change in the calendar in 1752 May Day fell eleven days later, and spring would by then be even further advanced.)

In their origins May Day celebrations may be taken as spontaneous rejoicing over the end of winter and the coming of spring. To our ancestors everything around them spoke of growth and fertility. The new-sown seed was sprouting. Newborn lambs were in the meadows, newly hatched chicks in the farmyard. New leaves were appearing in the trees. Bees were laying the foundations of new swarms. Birds everywhere were mating and nesting. What could be more natural than for humans to join in?

To rise early on May Day morning and bathe your face in May dew is said to be wonderful for the complexion. In particular, it disperses freckles.

A cottager's proverb, formerly well known, relates to bees:

*A swarm of bees in May
Is worth a load of hay.
A swarm of bees in June
Is worth a silver spoon.
But a swarm of bees in July
Isn't worth a fly.*

Before beekeepers resorted to the artificial feeding of bees in winter, the bees needed as long a summer as possible to store enough honey to last them through the dark months. That is, those hives which were earmarked for survival, but, of course, it was the custom to destroy the swarms from which honey was collected in autumn, and with these too, the longer the gathering season the larger the honey store. But a swarm of bees in May is comparatively rare. It's rarity value could indeed perhaps be compared with that of a load of hay.

The weather in May attracts its share of country lore.

*Who doffs his coat on a winter's day
Will gladly put it on in May.*

is, I suppose, a glimpse of the obvious

*Look at your corn in May
And you'll come weeping away
Look at it again in June
And you'll sing a different tune*

bears the mark of careful observation. It is surprising how crops improve during the month.

Little apples be gone away avore sheep-shearing and won't be back till harvest refers to the fact that, after the blossom has fallen, it is very difficult to tell whether the fruit has set.

A hot May makes a fat churchyard.

and

For a warm May parsons pray

have the same meaning, though without any justification.

Whoever is ill in the month of May

For the rest of the year is healthy and gay
 bears an encouraging message. But, who on earth thought up the following saying
He who bathes in May
Will soon be laid in clay

Fogs in May and heat in June
Makes the harvest come right soon.
 is sound observation

He that would live for aye
Must eat sage in May
 sounds a little optimistic.

Thunder in May signifieth in that year scarcity,
need dearth of corn and great hunger.
 is full of foreboding, but,
The more thunder in May, the less in August and September
 sound more optimistic.

You will know others.

It is worth remembering why May is a busy month of traditional festivals and merry-making. The explanation is that May is not only one of the pleasantest and most inspiring months of the year but, in the agricultural calendar, one of the slackest. By the beginning of May, all crops should have been sown. Cows and sheep are grazing in vividly green pastures and require little attention. The lambs are growing but are not yet big enough for slaughter, and the shearing season does not normally begin till June.

Modern gardeners, devoting themselves to exotic crops of which our ancestors knew nothing, find plenty of work to do in May, but for old-time farmers and peasants the month was as near as they could get to a holiday season. What we now regard as the summer holiday period, from mid-July to September, was for them the busiest season of the year - the time of harvest. Even today this apparent reversal of the accepted order still applies to agriculturalists. Few if any farmers could think of taking a holiday between early July and late September, and May is the month in which they can most easily get away from the farm.

There are a few other dates to be ticked off on the calendar for associations with the weather. May 3rd is regarded in Somerset and Devon as the Kidney Bean Day, in the belief that they will not grow if planted on any other day. Rain on May 8th foretells a wet harvest. On Ascension Day even a little rain forecasts a season of scarcity ahead and sickness of cattle. On the other hand, if the weather is fine and warm it will remain so until Michaelmas. A bumper corn harvest is sure to follow a fine Whit-Sunday, but rain encourages the growth of mildew on corn.

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Lateral thinking:

Mr Robinson wanted a house where the windows in all of the rooms faced south.  
 How did he manage this?

Answer to last month's teaser about the man passing the telephone box:

He had just left hospital after an operation to cure deafness!

Rob Jesse





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Dorset Art Weeks – May 25th – June 9th

A message from the **Cranborne Chase Communities Weavers:**  
This year the weavery at Unit 8, Town Farm Workshop is participating in Dorset Art Weeks. We will be open every day between the above dates (except May 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>) from 10am till 1pm.  
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# Church Services - June & July

| ST MARY'S | ST ANDREW'S | ST RUMBOLD'S |
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*Services in italics are from the Book of Common Prayer*

There is Holy Communion every Wednesday at 10:00am at St Mary's

**June 2nd** First Sunday after

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| 9:30 Jubilee Service<br>6:00 Holy Communion |
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| <i>11:15 Morning Prayer<br/>&amp; Holy Communion</i> |
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**June 9th** Second Sunday after Trinity

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| 10:30 Family Worship | 9:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> |
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**June 16th** Third Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 <i>Holy Communion</i><br>6:00 <i>Evensong</i> |
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| <i>11:15 Morning Prayer</i> |
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**June 23rd** Fourth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion | 8:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> | 11:15 Family Service |
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**June 30th** Fifth Sunday after Trinity

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| 8:00 Holy Communion<br>6:00 Sunday Night Live! |
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**Wendy Griffith's Ordination at Salisbury Cathedral is at 10:00am**

**July 7th** Sixth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion<br>6:00 <i>Evensong</i> |
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| <i>11:15 Morning Prayer<br/>&amp; Holy Communion</i> |
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**July 14th** Seventh Sunday after Trinity

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| 10:30 Family Worship | 9:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> |
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**July 21st** Eighth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 <i>Holy Communion</i><br>6:00 <i>Evensong</i> |
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| <i>11:15 Morning Prayer</i> |
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**July 28th** Ninth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 Holy Communion | 8:30 <i>Holy Communion</i> | 11:15 Family Service |
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**August 4th** Tenth Sunday after Trinity

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| 9:30 <i>Morning Prayer</i><br>6:00 Holy Communion |
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| <i>11:15 Morning Prayer<br/>&amp; Holy Communion</i> |
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## WEDNESDAY CLUB

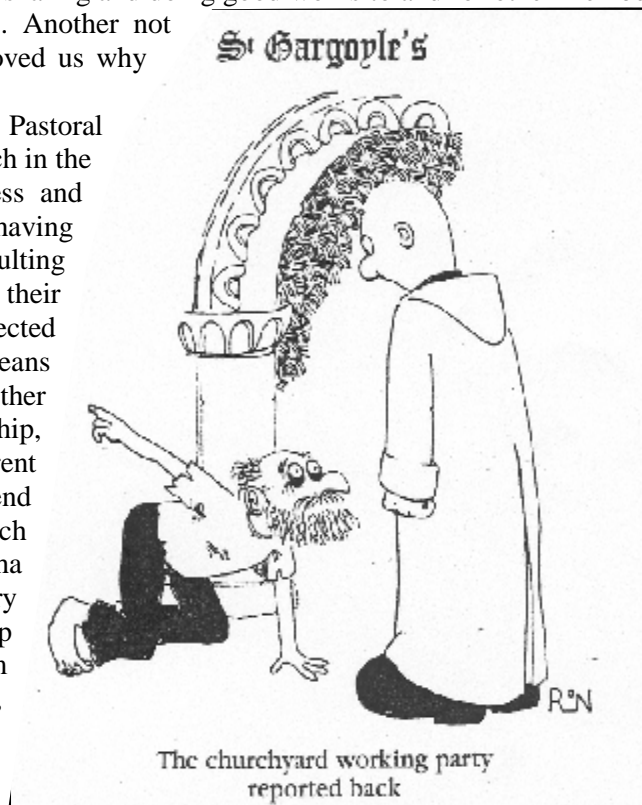
On Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday Club is arranging an afternoon outing by coach to Knoll Gardens. If you would like to be included then do please tell someone who comes to

## ST MARY'S NEWSLETTER

"Risk Assessment and Risk Management" are the latest buzz words. After several false starts at writing this contribution, it was whilst out walking with the dogs at Woodyates that this theme was given to me. Having just celebrated Pentecost (Whitsunday) when the Holy Spirit was sent, as promised, to enable the Apostles to go out and DO (get your Bible out and have a look at Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2 verses 1 - 4 and then read on to see what happened). I feel that often when inspired we don't give credit to whom it is due. Life is all risk, we can't escape this fact and therefore we try wherever possible to minimize it; we keep the children in, put everything of value under lock and key and so on. Unfortunately to reduce the risk of theft and possible vandalism steps such as locking the Church have to be taken - biscuit tin and contents and the latest Henry vacuum cleaner have been stolen. The sanctuary of the Church is therefore denied to those who seek a place of peace, quiet, prayer and meditation in the presence of God - when the Vicar is not about. The Officers and PCC have to categorize risk: financial, reputational, statutory, legal requirements and operational risks - a lot to get hold of but nevertheless absolutely necessary. Reasonable steps have to be taken to comply with regulations such as health and safety, child protection, employment, disabled access and Charities Act (possibly more besides). Strange part about all this risk business is that there is nothing about the risk involved in spreading the Gospel (Good News) of actually sharing and doing good works to and for other members of the community not just Church members. Another not mentioned is the love for one another, He loved us why can't we love Him and our neighbours.

Shortly after the last issue went to press a Pastoral Letter from the Bishop was read in every church in the diocese dealing with the Financial Awareness and Giving Programme in the light of the diocese having to dig into reserves to cover the shortfall resulting from some parishes being unable to meet their quota. The situation, in view of the projected increase in Clergy Stipends and Pensions means that the future looks a little difficult so we either dig deeper or increase Church membership, including our own. The introduction of different services may be a way forward and to this end several of us went up to Holy Trinity Church Brompton in London (the home of The Alpha Course) with members of the Salisbury Methodist Church and attended a Worship Training Course. There were 850 people from all over the country joined together in worship, praise and learning - quite an experience - the resources available, musicians, equipment and staff are way beyond us here. However we

came away with ideas which we hope and pray may enhance our worship and make it more attractive to you who don't come and join us.



The Beechridge Report ("The Vicars Leaving") - **(he is not really - honestly)**. This is an opportunity for the PCC and all those involved in running the Church to find out who does what and how. This is planning for an interregnum - the time when we have no Priest (last time was in 1987-88 between John Holland leaving and Ron Wood arriving) Jean and Doreen who were Church Wardens then together with the PCC kept the Church going during this period. The opportunity is before us to look at where we've been, where we are now and where are we going (as a Church) - an audit so to speak. Hopefully during this exercise we will find ways of meeting the needs of the community and at the same time taking on board our joint responsibility - every one of us - in being an all member ministry and not

leaving all to the Vicar.

**Ordination** – 30th June. The Rev Wendy Griffith, our Curate, will be ordained Priest in Salisbury Cathedral at 10am. In view of this joyful event service times have been altered - See Church Service details elsewhere in this issue. Please make a note of the date and also 7th July when Wendy will celebrate Holy Communion at the 9.30am service at St Mary's and at 11.15 am at St Rumbold's - these are two very special occasions in the life of this benefice please come and share them with us.  
*David Salmons*

## Maidment



A lady in Burnham-on-Sea has asked for some help. In St Mary's churchyard is the grave of Walter Maidment, (1876-1960) and his wife Alice (1875-1946). The handsome couple in these pictures are the grandparents of either Walter or Alice, (who was formerly Alice Burt), but she doesn't know which. In either case, they are Gordon Maidment's great-great grandparents. I think the lady bears a resemblance to Gordon's late brother, Graham. We don't have any first names, either, to go on, so if you know anything, please contact me at the Vicarage. *Ron Wood*



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**Jul. 11th, 25th**

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**CHUTNEYS** - Use 'screw' lids only and check to make sure that the chutney has not oxidised if made more than one year. Steer clear of very highly spiced or very hot chutneys as they may not be to the judge's liking.

**SCONES** - Always cut-out savoury scones using a plain cutter and sweet ones with a fluted cutter.

**FLANS** - Slightly pre-cook pastry case (brush with beaten egg if preferred) before adding filling. If using ceramic dish do not make pastry too thick. Do not overcook the flan as the appearance and flavour will be altered.

**CAKES** - If using given recipe, always use the exact ingredients and either work in all imperial or all metric measurements. Scale amounts according to own size of tin. To turn-out a Victoria sponge, place cooked cake on wet cloth for about 5 minutes; the cake should come away from the tin and make it easier to turn-out, if a knife is still needed - make sure that it is blunt.

General hint for all cakes - drop tin gently on worksurface to lift-out airpockets before putting in oven. The heavier the mixture, such as a fruit cakes, the cooler the oven.

**The Men Only Cake Class this year is - Dorset Apple Cake – to own Recipe  
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# GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS SIXPENNY HANDLEY



## SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JUNE

**1:30pm FUN RUN STARTS FROM SPORTS PAVILION (1PM FOR ENTRIES ON THE DAY)**

**GAMES FOR ALL AGES FROM 3pm**

**4.30pm PRSENTATION OF MUGS, TROPHIES AND SURPRISES**

**BAR OPEN FROM 3pm AND TEAS**

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**9.30am JUBILEE SERVICE AT ST.MARY'S**

**11am ONWARDS JUBILEE EXHIBITION AT ST. MARY'S**

**2:30pm ONWARDS CREAM TEAS AT THE VICARAGE**

## MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

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**7:30pm JUBILEE QUIZ AT VILLAGE HALL**

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## MONDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

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## TUESDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE

**JUBILEE CHICKEN LUNCH**

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Bouncy Castle

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B-B-Q

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Hoopla

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Excursions raffle

“ Splat the rat! “

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## HOLIDAY HERBAL FIRST AID KIT

Wherever you go for your holidays, the UK or abroad, or whatever you do on holiday - relax in the sun or something more energetic, there are always minor discomforts that can arise. Instead of taking an orthodox first aid kit or risking your luck in a foreign pharmacy why not consider packing the following herbal remedies in your suitcase to see you through the usual holiday ailments. Of course, if you are travelling abroad to countries other than European or popular holiday destinations it is a good idea to take a Medical First Aid Kit including a sterile syringe and sterile dental pack (obtainable from your GP) just in case for your protection from AIDS and other infections.

### 1) Chamomile tea bags.

If you get sunburn chamomile tea can help alleviate the pain and inflammation, As well as drinking the tea you can add several teabags to a cool to warm bath and soak in the soothing infusion. Chamomile cream can also be applied to the skin to prevent dryness associated with sunburn.

Chamomile tea is also soothing if you have stomach or intestinal difficulties- soothing the pain and intestinal inflammation.

### 2) Lavender essential oil

Ensure that you have a good brand of essential oil of lavender with you - Culpeppers or Neals Yard are fine. Lavender is a good natural antiseptic, excellent for wounds and cuts - it can be applied neat directly onto the skin or on to a gauze pad and fixed with microporous tape. Lavender oil is the only essential oil that can be used neat on the skin.

Lavender oil rubbed on the temples helps with tense headaches and is good to inhale while travelling if you get a stuffy head or feel nauseous.

### 3) Peppermint oil

Also good to inhale (on a tissue) for relieving headaches and nasal congestion, or put a few drops in a bowl of hot water and inhale the steam, covering your head with a towel to keep the steam in.

A few drops in a cupful of hot water and sipped slowly will relieve indigestion and bloating due to over indulgence in unfamiliar foods.

### 4) Arnica homeopathic cream

Nelsons's is a good one and can be obtained from a good health foods store or chemist.

Arnica cream is good for bruises and if applied quickly will prevent the bruise from developing. Arnica homeopathic tablets are good for any shocks and will also help lessen bruising if taken as well as using the cream topically.

### 5) Slippery elm powder

Mix with a little cold milk to soothe intestinal disturbances and diarrhoea. Take this mixture before eating or 3 times a day if you are not eating at all as it is also nutritious. With diarrhoea always remember to increase your intake of bottled water to prevent dehydration through excessive water loss caused by diarrhoea and also to flush out the germ or toxin from your body quickly. Also take lots of garlic to kill the bacteria!

Slippery elm can be mixed with a little bottled water and applied, as a paste, to weeping grazes etc to seal them from infection, this is useful if you don't have a plaster to hand.

### 6) Acidophilus

If you can get it eat lots of natural live yogurt to keep the intestines in good condition and ready to fight off any infections. I always take acidophilus capsules throughout the holiday as it will repopulate the bowel with 'friendly' bowel bacteria often destroyed as a result of 'holiday tummy' and can prevent an attack. Acidophilus capsules are available at good health stores.

### 7) Cayenne pepper tincture

Cayenne will help halt serious bleeding internally and externally. Apply to an open wound - it may sting a little but that's better than losing a substantial amount of blood.

A few drops of cayenne tincture on the tongue will also stop a heart attack if you catch it quickly and may keep someone alive until you can get professional help. Cayenne should be avoided if you are pregnant as its stimulant action could induce uterine contractions.

8) Nettle tea bags

Nettles contain antihistamine and so is a good remedy to take as a tea to reduce inflammation and itching and used as a cooled tea for applying as a wash to bites, stings and allergic reactions such as heat rash.

9) Bach Flower Rescue Remedy

Rescue remedy should never be left out of any first aid kit! For shock, trauma or anxious situations just drop a few drops neat onto the tongue or add to a small tumbler of bottled water - it will help you through any upsetting or traumatic situation.

Also in your first aid pack it is a good idea to include waterproof plasters in assorted sizes, microporous tape (as it comes off the skin easier than plasters), lint and cotton wool, gauze strips, bandages, an elastic bandage or tube, small pair of scissors (make sure you put a cork or something similar over the points of the scissors to avoid damaging the contents of your first aid kit or yourself), tweezers, some safety pins.

You can safely store all the above in a plastic tub etc and keep the kit cool in the fridge if you have one available.

Finally, have a GREAT holiday!

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Please 'phone Jackie on 01735 552808 or Hazel on 01725 552980 for further information.



## Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

### Generous Donations Lead to Safer Community

Sixpenny Handley Homewatch has received generous donations from the Youth Club, Mr Martin Lloyd and Mr Mike Tough. These will assist us in repairing damaged Homewatch signs around the Parish. Crime statistics show that good Homewatch signing does reduce crime, so thank you to these three and to others who have donated previously. A volunteer Homewatch work party will be putting up the replacement signs as soon as they are delivered.

### Vandalism Continues

It is highly regrettable that our biggest crime problem in the village these days is vandalism. Graffiti and damage to property have continued into early summer. The culprits are believed to be local. Please do all you can to help us to snuff out this antisocial behaviour within our community.

### Car Security

Dorset Police are urging us all to make more of an effort on car security, especially when parking at local beauty spots Garston Wood and Martin Down. If you have immobilisers or car alarms, please use them. Most car stereos now have removable fronts – remove them before someone else takes the whole set! Don't leave any bags boxes etc on view, even if they are empty. The thieves do not know this and may break a window to find out. For the same reason, leave the glove box open to show it is empty. The Homewatch Co-ordinators have a supply of Police labels to hang from your car mirror when parked announcing that the car is secured. Please contact us if you would like one.

### Homewatch Contacts List

Finally this month, we have updated the list of Homewatch volunteers/Downsman deliverers and this is shown on the inside back cover. You may like to tell your local representative if you are going away this summer and do please let us know at once of any suspicious or criminal activity.

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## Sixpenny Handley Bowls Club

Our opening of the green this year brought a lovely sunny day – amazing after the last couple of years.



We had 32 people for the afternoon and a lovely time was had by all. I think in the history of the Club this was the best opening day that we have ever had. Let's hope it is the start of a good season.

Since then we have played 4 friendly matches (Verwood home – rained off and away – lost; Mere away – lost; Lyndhurst home – lost;) 1 match in the Men's Dorset League (Gillingham- away – lost;) 2 matches in the Mixed Triples league (Tisbury – home – won; Wilton – away – lost;) and 1 short mat friendly with Flight Refuelling – away – won.

For the first time this year some of our members had a Plant Sale in Blandford for club funds, when members grew plants, which were sold – we had a brilliant result of £200 raised, for which I would like to thank all the members involved.

Our Quiz was a repeated success as usual and our regulars will be pleased to hear that we are holding a special one on 3<sup>rd</sup> June in aid of the Jubilee Fund.

The club has lost by stealing at least 4 yellow Jacks and three white ones from the Pavilion cupboard and from the box on the green.

These jacks as they are called are bright yellow in colour; some may have logos on them (The logo being Donkes Pride or DP). These jacks resemble snooker balls but are too heavy and not the right size. So they are only of any use to a bowler. We are asking parents to notice if their children have suddenly appeared with these balls as play things, to make them bring them back. Putting them on the green will do. Continued replacement of these Jacks are a drain on Club funds as they are expensive to buy – 6 will cost in excess of £100.

*Gill Martin*

## Handley SPORTS CLUB 100 CLUB

The Management of Handley Sports would like to thank all those members who have supported the '100' club during the past year. The last draw (No 12) has now been done. We shall be sending out subscription invitations shortly to start another round of 12 draws, as soon as we can do the paper work.

### NEXT FOOTBALL SEASON

We will require players in all positions for next season. Training will start during July and there will be some competitive practice matches. Anyone interested in playing League Football on Saturday afternoons or Sunday mornings should contact either Mark Young (01725 552741) or Stuart Haskell (01725 552498)

## VILLAGE HALL NEWS

Elsewhere in this issue you will read the minutes of the AGM and the meeting of the Management Committee which followed. Following on from these minutes, Pam Wood and I have agreed to share the position of Joint Chairperson.

As you can see the Hall needs all the help that any person can offer.

In April we held our first clean-up day; 12 people attended and a lot was achieved. Thanks especially to Alan Oxe for the outstanding work he has done preparing the fascia board for the group to replace the guttering on clean-up day. (thanks to you all)

The windows have been repaired, fire doors mended, heating vents 'looked at', drawers mended windows cleaned and prepared for painting, but the weather has let us down and we have not been able to put the top coat on yet. A general clean up by the ladies made the place sparkle. Lunch was supplied and a good community spirit was achieved.

Any offers to paint a window (or two) during the day will help (if we have not done it by the time The Downsman comes out).

On the second clean-up day, the turnout was a bit disappointing, with only 4 there, however, the work achieved was well worth the effort. We did some plumbing in the toilets, including an access hatch made for the stopcock and quite a few more 'odd jobs'. Two major problems were discovered, firstly that there were no safety locks on the septic tank covers (since solved at nominal cost), and part of the outside roof of the hall is showing signs of rust. This will need attention in the near future before a leak occurs. This could be a major job so if any person has any contacts or ideas, please call me. (Thanks).

Has anybody noticed that the Village Hall sign is back up, in a different place and securely nailed so that it cannot be thrown in the pond again (I hope!!). Surely it is time that the village provided a big new sign to promote the Sports Complex and the outstanding Village Hall.

### FUND RAISING

As mentioned in the last issue the Youth Club event made a profit of £200, attendance was disappointing, but many thanks to all who contributed. Please attend Village Hall fundraising events, and surprise yourself at how much fun you can have.

A donation was also made by Jean Cross from a Christmas dance she held. (I spent some of the proceeds on the repair of the septic tank!) Thanks to you Jean.

The next event at the time of writing is the Queen's Jubilee. I hope you all have a wonderful time, and give generously on the day, as the profit is being kindly donated towards the Hall. We will report more in the next issue.

**June 22nd - The Auction:** If you can donate any item(s) large or small these can be taken to the Hall between 10 am and 1 pm. If you are unable to transport any item yourself, contact Rob. (tel: 552340) before the day.

1 pm to 6 pm Viewing  
7 pm Sale starts

Food and drinks will be available on the evening.

We raised a lot of much needed money last year.....Please, please, can we do it again. See you there.

There will be other events to come on dates to be arranged of which more later.

Village Hall 100 plus winners:

|      |                |      |               |
|------|----------------|------|---------------|
| Jan. | Mr Coverton 69 | Feb. | C Miles 14    |
|      | B Hornsby 108  |      | J Hudson 70   |
|      | G Clarke 59    |      | Bowls Club 12 |
| Mar. | D Salmons 6    | Apr. | S Pharo 115   |
|      | Mr Poolman 120 |      | L Goddon 126  |
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### Woodcutts and Beyond Again

Normally there would be no need to go beyond Woodcutts, since everything a person could wish for in the countryside is here, but perhaps sometimes it is worth while travelling further than usual, simply to get a comparison. Even then it is not necessary to think in terms of exotic holiday resorts, at latitudes far south of Dorset.

No indeed, in fact the first port of call, is north of Woodcutts. (The fact that a famous person of the female sex has recently purchased property there, in no way influenced this decision.) The area referred to is the downland north of Ashmore, overlooking Shaftsbury to the north-west and Ludwell directly to the north. The grassland here, has over the last few weeks been showing off, in their splendour, a host of, not golden daffodils, but radiant yellow cowslips. In this case a host must equate to millions. To think that last year the National Trust instigated the national cowslip count, to ascertain the population of what was thought to be a disappearing species of wild flower. This is not the only place where the revival can be seen, they are appearing everywhere on the roadsides. They have even recently been very evident on the verges of the main Salisbury, Blandford road, not just in one place but fairly evenly spread over the whole length. To explain their presence on the downs is comparatively easy, along the roadsides is more difficult, unless as has been suggested to me, that they are planted or sown by man. It has been inferred that the county councils may be responsible, and even that motoring associations have been giving away wild flower seed, for members to distribute around the countryside. Whatever the cause, long may it continue.

The downland scenario is somewhat easier to explain, and I am afraid not good news for everyone. Cowslips are indigenous of poor grassland on shallow calcareous soils, low in fertility and grazed at very low stocking rates. Since foot and mouth disease of last year, plus the radical changes in agricultural markets, it has simply meant that there isn't the stock to graze all the downland intensively any more. Even if there were, at current prices it would be completely uneconomic, hence no fertilisers are being spread and what grass there is hardly sees a grazing animal. This means that vegetation can grow in its own time, neither being bitten off nor trodden in by cloven hooves, "The cowslip reigns". Unfortunately what is good for the cowslip is not good for the farmer. This is just another environmental problem to which there is no obvious answer.

Cowslips are by no means the only wild flowers to be excelling themselves this year. Buttercups on the water meadows in the Chalke Valley have changed the grazing from a verdant green to a golden, buttery yellow. This is of course where the traditional meadows remain, certainly not on the acreage of tightly mown grass destined to be harvested for turf, to be laid possibly in a garden many miles from where it was cut. Just another environmental problem, ( the word disaster could be used here,).It simply depends on whether you are a farmer making a livelihood, a turf contractor making a living cutting and laying turf, a person purchasing a ready made lawn or simply a conservationist who is fighting the changing world.

It certainly isn't all doom and gloom though; anybody who has travelled across Handley Common towards Tollard will have seen the glorious display of the bluebells, at first accompanied by the very fragile, white, short lived wood anemone and later by the less delicate ransomes or wild garlic. These are of course woodland plants, but anybody passing the places where they grow can't fail to see them even if they are driving.

Other, easily distinguished flowers, include the red campion and cow parsley, both very evident in their displays this year on the roadsides. This brings up another contentious, environmental matter, should all the roadside verges be cut and maintained like lawns? Many will say, of course, in the interest of road safety, or if late for work or simply one of us who believes that the speed limit on a particular stretch of highway is decided by the pace at which one can travel without leaving the aforesaid highway. Others for the sake of our cowslips, red campions, cow parsley et al., will want to see them unshorn. While mentioning traffic, I would like to make a personal appeal to all " Off Road" riders and drivers, "Please don't do it." If you must take a four wheel drive or a motorbike onto a track, please ensure you are allowed to by law. If you are, I believe that if it is a public place, a licence, insurance and possibly road tax will be necessary. (It certainly will be if you have to travel on the road to get there.) When off road, please realise that people could be walking and find difficulty in taking evasive action, or if riding horses, to control their mounts. (Horses do not like sudden movements or noise, and being subjected to same, could become uncontrollable, resulting in a serious accident)

There has been a fairly long interlude, for which I apologise, but even I have to eat. The time was utilised to a good cause, in fact, something I do rather well had to be altered, namely my typing mistakes. I appreciate you will find it difficult to believe, but the letter "k" still insists on moving around this "k"eyboard of its own volition.

Anyway back to the three 'fs', flowers, farming and \* horses. Today I walked some forty yards into a field of last year's com stubble, now set aside. This field will remain uncultivated for all this growing year, for leaving it so; the farmer will receive monetary compensation. Now apart from not adding to a grain mountain, which would be subsidised by the general public, what other benefits are there? Well after my short foray today, I can tell you, providing a total herbicide is not used, the answer is wild flowers. In the short distance I walked, I saw forget-me-not, red and white campion, heartsease, knapweed, dandelion, groundsel, chickweed, creeping thistle, several umbelliferae including wild carrot, buttercup and shepherds purse to name a few that come quickly to mind. This is one case environmentally, where most people if not all are winners.

At this point I must leave nature to take its course, albeit a spectacular one so far for this year, with its spectacular colours and diversity of species and hopefully a step in the right direction for all our sakes.

With all of God's creation creating such a diversion this year, the very important results of the down the lane, Woodcutts Census have not been published. So please accept my apologies and put it down to government cut backs. Here they are now in tabular form, if between the computer and I, we can manage it. (This machine still has a will of its own, the letter ,k, will prove that.)

| Year                | 1999  | 2000  | 2001  | 2002  |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Residents 17  | 23    | 28    | 24    |       |
| Adults              | 15    | 16    | 16    | 15    |
| Schoolchildren      |       | 2     | 8     | 8     |
| Pre-school children | 2     | 5     | 4     | 1     |
| Total average age   | 41.84 | 30.56 | 26.40 | 32.50 |

Now what do these results tell us? Firstly it must be mentioned that sadly we have lost our oldest resident of last year, as the regular reader will know. What will not be known generally, is that three of our youngest four members moved away with their parents.

This has meant that we have welcomed into the fold, four new adults but no children. If any of these people wonder how their ages were obtained to enable an average to be calculated, I can honestly say that they were estimated, but not to worry as all estimates are free.

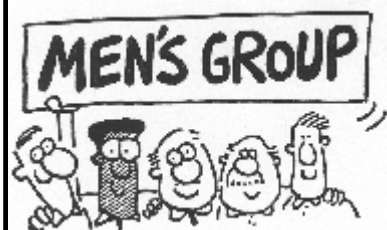
Getting back to the results and what they might tell us, as far as I can see the only conclusion to be arrived at this year, is that everybody reading this is older than they have ever been.

P.S. A successor for the late laird is still being sought; it is now down to the last one and only contender. Hopefully Mr. Blair will make his decision shortly, but I believe it's a forgone conclusion as I'm sure Mrs. Win Kirby doesn't want to be the next Archbishop of Canterbury.

May God bless you all, and thank you for reading to the end.

Please note that in this issue I am writing anonymously.

*T C, Woodcutts, May 2002*

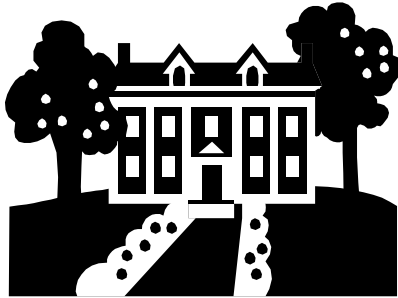


### THE MEN'S GROUP

This is an informal group that gets together on the fourth Thursday evening of each month to talk and have a drink. Generally, we have someone to come and lead the discussion on a particular topic. Although the group meets at the Vicarage, it is a non-church group open to anyone to come along; and we are perfectly happy to talk about sex, politics, religion or money - in fact all the things you aren't supposed to bring up! The next meeting is on Thursday, 27th June. Come and join in at 7.30 pm.

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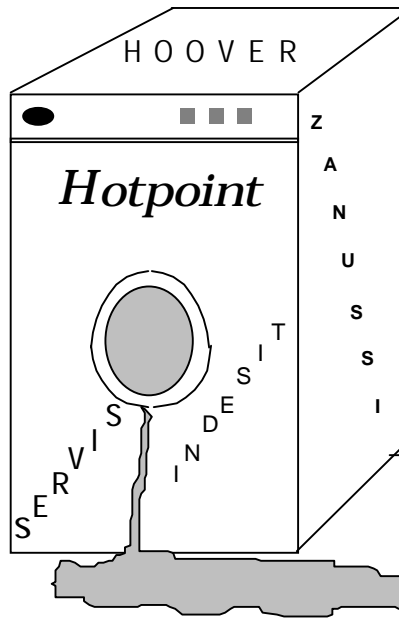
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Although I do not hunt, I feel strongly that people should be allowed to make up their own minds on this issue and not be dictated to by politicians, who these days are largely out of touch with the countryside. In order that Sixpenny Handley can be well-represented on the march, I have booked a 75-seater coach from Victory Tours for anyone from our area who would like to join in.

The cost per head works out at £11.50, which includes the coach, parking, and the necessary underground fares to get to and from central London.

To book your seats, please contact me in good time. Everyone will be most welcome.

It should be a unique Parish outing as well as a very important day for democracy.

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### Dam Shame

*The extracts below are from a letter sent out by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:-*

It has come to the attention of the Department of Environmental Quality that there has been recent unauthorised activity on the above referenced parcel of property..... did the following unauthorised activity:

Construction and maintenance of two wood debris dams across the outlet stream of Spring Pond. A permit must be issued prior to the start of this type of activity. A review of the Department's files shows that no such permits have been issued.....

The Department has been informed that one or both of the dams partially failed during a recent rain event, causing debris and flooding at downstream locations. We find that dams of this nature are inherently hazardous and cannot be permitted. The Department therefore orders you to cease and desist all activities at this location, and to restore the stream to a free-flow condition by removing all wood and brush forming the dams from the stream channel.....Failure to comply..... may result in this case being referred for elevated enforcement action.

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*The following is the response from the land owner*

A couple of beavers are in the (State unauthorised) process of constructing and maintaining two wood "debris" dams across the outlet stream of my Spring Pond. While I did not pay for, authorise, nor supervise their dam project, I think they would be highly offended that you call their skilful use of natural building materials "debris." I would like to challenge your department to attempt to emulate their dam project any time and/or any place you choose. I believe I can safely state there is no way you could ever match their dam skills, their dam resourcefulness, their dam ingenuity, their dam persistence, their dam determination and/or their dam work ethic.

As to your request, I do not think the beavers are aware that they must first fill out a dam permit prior to the start of this type of dam activity.

My first dam question to you is (1) Are you trying to discriminate against my Spring Pond Beavers or (2) do you require all beavers throughout this State to conform to said dam request?

If you are not discriminating against these particular beavers, through the Freedom of Information Act I request completed copies of all those other applicable beaver dam permits that have been issued. Perhaps we will see if there really is a dam violation of Part 301, Inland Lakes and Streams, of the Natural Resource and Environmental Protection Act.

I have several concerns. My first concern is - aren't the beavers entitled to legal representation? The Spring Pond Beavers are financially destitute and are unable to pay for said representation so the State will have to provide them with a dam lawyer. The Department's dam concern that either one or both of the dams failed during a recent rain event causing flooding is proof that this is a natural occurrence, which the Department is required to protect. In other words, we should leave the Spring Pond Beavers alone rather than harassing them and calling their dam names. If you want the stream "restored" to a dam free-flow condition - please contact the beavers - but if you are going to arrest them they obviously did not pay any attention to your dam letter being unable to read English.

In my humble opinion, the Spring Pond Beavers have a right to build their unauthorised dams as long as the sky is blue, the grass is green and water flows downstream. They have more dam right than I do to live and enjoy Spring Pond. If the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Protection lives up to its name, it should protect the natural resources (Beavers) and the environment (Beavers' Dams). So, as far as the beavers and I are concerned, this dam case can be referred for more elevated enforcement action right now. Why wait until Jan 2002? The Spring Pond Beavers may be under the dam ice then, and there will be no way for you or your dam staff to contact/harass them then.

In conclusion, I would like to bring to your attention a real environmental quality (health) problem in the area. It is the bears. Bears are actually defecating in our woods. I definitely believe you should be persecuting the defecating bears and leave the beavers alone. If you are going to investigate the beaver dam, watch your step! (The bears are not careful where they dump!)

Being unable to comply with your dam request, and being unable to contact you on your dam answering machine, I am sending this response to your dam office via another government organisation - the dam USPS. Maybe, some-day, it will get there.

*Submitted by Tracy Vincent*

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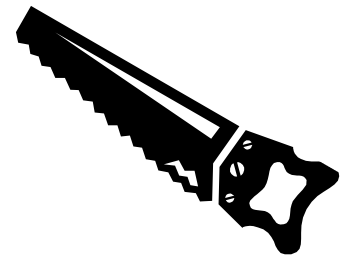
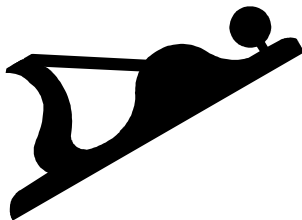
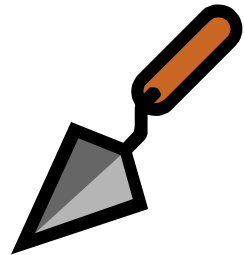
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## A WILD GOOSE CHASE

It all began in a most unlikely way. I was minding my own business, reading the second volume of Richard Holmes's biography of Samuel Taylor Coleridge – 'Deeper Reflections' – having picked up the paper back version cheap in a discount shop. Suddenly out of the blue, there was this statement which hit me right between the eyes and just couldn't be ignored. 'It was an extraordinary appeal' he wrote, 'to appear in the year of the Pentridge Revolution, when working class leaders were being tried and hanged for sedition.' The author was writing about Coleridge's courageous challenge to the government of that time (1817) to have some real care and concern for the welfare of the ordinary working folk in hard times.

But what had this to do with Pentridge? The remark was thrown in just in passing as though it referred to something any reader interested in a literary figure like Coleridge would know about. However I had never heard tell of any such event. Could there have been some significant moment in the social history of England connected with Pentridge, but about which none of us knew anything? The Luddite riots, from 1811-1816 had been suppressed. The Tolpuddle Martyrs weren't due to carve their niche in history for seventeen years yet. Should it really be Pentridge to which Trade Unionists flocked in May Day every year to celebrate a pioneering blow struck for the rights of workers? I wasn't going to be able to rest until I had found out.

First of all I had to eliminate the possibility that there was another Pentridge where some dramatic historical happening had taken place. I was pretty sure I'd have known if any such place existed, since it's very unusual in that its name dates back not just to Saxon times, as do most place names in England, but is made up of the Celtic words for 'hill' and 'boar' i.e. 'hill of the boars'. Resort to the gazetteer at the back of my road atlas – confirmed that there was no other Pentridge. My excitement mounted.

The pages of such books as I have that cover our social history turned up no reference to any 'Pentridge Revolution'. I next tried a history teacher at one of Salisbury's grammar schools, which had better remain nameless. More specialised books were consulted, but still no mention. Salisbury Reference Library has several books detailing interesting incidents among agricultural workers in our area, but all rather later, and none connected with Pentridge specifically.

It was at that point that I asked myself, 'Why should I be puzzling over this on my own? Why shouldn't someone else be maddened by this infuriating mystery?' Then it came to me – Dickie Riddle was the chap. I knew that once faced with this conundrum, he'd be as keen as I was to find the solution. 'Leave it with me', he said, when I'd phoned him and explained what was bugging me. Amazingly it took him only ten minutes to come back to me, with the news that he'd struck lucky when he'd turned up Pentridge in the index of a book on his shelf about the early days of the convict colony in Australia, 'Fatal Shore', by Robert Hughes (ESP or what?). Apparently fourteen men from near Nottingham had been involved in what was described as 'the Pentridge Rising' and had been tried and sentenced in 1817 to be transported to Australia.

So it was out with the road atlas again and, lo and behold, over the border in Derbyshire, but not too far from Nottingham, was a place called Pentrich. And the Oxford Book of Place Names explained that Pentridge and Pentrich are basically the same name, being made up of those two same Celtic elements. Pentrich, then, must at one time or another have been known, as is our local village, as Pentridge.

The assumption now was that Pentrich in Derbyshire had been the scene of the 'Pentridge Revolution'. A cheap Saturday morning phone call to the nearest Tourist Information Centre, in Matlock Bath, seemed to confirm this. The young man who answered the phone couldn't give me any details, but thought he had heard of such an event. More to the point he helpfully gave me the address of the Archivist at Derbyshire County Hall. (Being a curious chap I was left wondering why



this should be in Matlock, and not in the county town of Derby!) The County Archivist came up with a full reply to my enquiry, and it turned out that a rising had been proposed against the government in charge of affairs after the end of the Napoleonic wars, when many ex-service men were without work, new machinery had reduced employment in industry, and generally there was great hardship. The success of the French Revolution twenty-eight years before had probably put ideas into men's head. Only five years before a homicidally resentful bankrupt had succeeded in assassinating the Prime Minister, Spencer Percival. These men from Pentrich, Ripley and South Wingfield understood that there was a national movement afoot to oust the government and to play their part they set out on 9<sup>th</sup> June 1817, led by Jeremiah Brandreth ('The Nottingham Captain') to march on nearby Nottingham.

*(to be continued in next issue) Anthony J Lane*

## **SIXPENNY HANDLEY**

# **ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW 2002**

## **17th AUGUST 2002**

### **Hints on showing Flowers & Pot Plants**

#### **General hints**

Read the schedule - don't be disqualified for putting your exhibits in the wrong class, or not having the right number.

Make sure that your exhibits are looking their best. Trim off old flowers, leaves, etc. (no bugs or greenfly please) clean up pot/vase/container.

If in doubt over any entry, the committee will be only too happy to help.

#### **Hints for showing Pot Plants**

Ensure that pot plants are securely supported to prevent damage on way to show. Allow enough time when you get there to remove packing etc without having to hurry.

Remove damaged leaves/flowers if not already done so at home.

Make sure that plant is watered as tents can get very hot.

If possible label exhibits clearly with name of plant -if in doubt check with committee.

Remember it is not necessarily the biggest that wins!

#### **Hints for showing Cut Flowers**

Cut flowers for the show either the evening before or very early in the morning on the day of the show.

Always cut more than you think that you will need, just in case of accidents.

Try to cut the stems as long as possible and make a slanting cut at the end of the stem to assist the uptake of water.

Remove blemished/dead flowers & leaves and plunge upright into deep containers of clean water (the vase you want to use for the, show would be perfect)

If cut the night before -leave them in a dark place.

Make sure that the container is filled with water when your exhibit is arranged to your satisfaction.

Try to produce a good balance with flowers of even size.

If possible label exhibits clearly with variety of flower (not necessary for a vase of mixed flowers) -if in doubt check with committee.



# News and Information

NATIONAL  
FEDERATION  
OF WOMEN'S  
INSTITUTES

## April 2002

Handley celebrated its 80<sup>th</sup> birthday with a well attended meeting when President Maggie Staplehurst welcomed everyone with Birthday greetings. Anniversary greetings cards have been received from County Federation; National Federation and our Lyndhurst link.

The speaker was Mr David Hawkes from Bournemouth who gave a fascinating, interesting and amusing talk on Arab jewellery and costume, allowing members to handle and examine it and most beautiful costumes – all handmade by the ladies who wore them. He was thanked by Jean Haines.

Following that, wine and birthday cake was served. The cake very kindly made by Mrs Maureen Smith – a friend – and was cut by Win Judd – the longest serving member, together with Shirley Rhodes a new member. Other refreshments were served by Joan Clarke and Sylvia Maskell.

Flower of the month winners – Peggy Holland, Doreen Leverton.

## May 2002

Members and visitors were welcomed by Mrs Maggie Staplehurst and Mrs Anne Reed a Physiotherapist was introduced and she talked about 'Painful knees and feet' and what causes it and used several members suffering similar ailments to demonstrate the treatment and used 'Skeletal limbs' to explain the 'bones and joints' which caused the trouble – a most enlightening and useful talk. She was thanked by Norah North.

A letter from Throop WI has been received inviting members to an open Jubilee Garden Meeting on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Heather Eynon reported on the Spring Council at Weymouth, which she and several members attended.

The resolutions for the IGM at Brighton were discussed and voted on.

Would any member like to attend the Jubilee Garden Party to be held at Port Regis School on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July from 2.30 – 4.30. Details from President or Secretary.

WI diaries and calendars must be ordered now.

A Group Treasurer is required from Handley for 2003.

There will be an exhibition of WI History, Work and other Memorabilia in the church during the Jubilee weekend.

Earlier in the day of the meeting, members met members from the Lyndhurst link to go for a walk to the nature reserve on Middleton Down, guided by Mr and Mrs Last. A few braved the atrocious weather and walked, the rest adjourned to the local hostelry, where later everyone met to enjoy a very welcome lunch.

Flower of the month winners – Margaret Quinn, Norah North, Heather Eynon, and Peggy Holland.

Tea hostesses – Elizabeth Brodie, Stella Symes.

Next meeting – June 10<sup>th</sup> – speaker Miss S Bowser, 'Time for Hugs'.

Win Judd 01725 552237



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## CRANBORNE CHASE COMMUNITIES **OPEN DAY and DOG SHOW**

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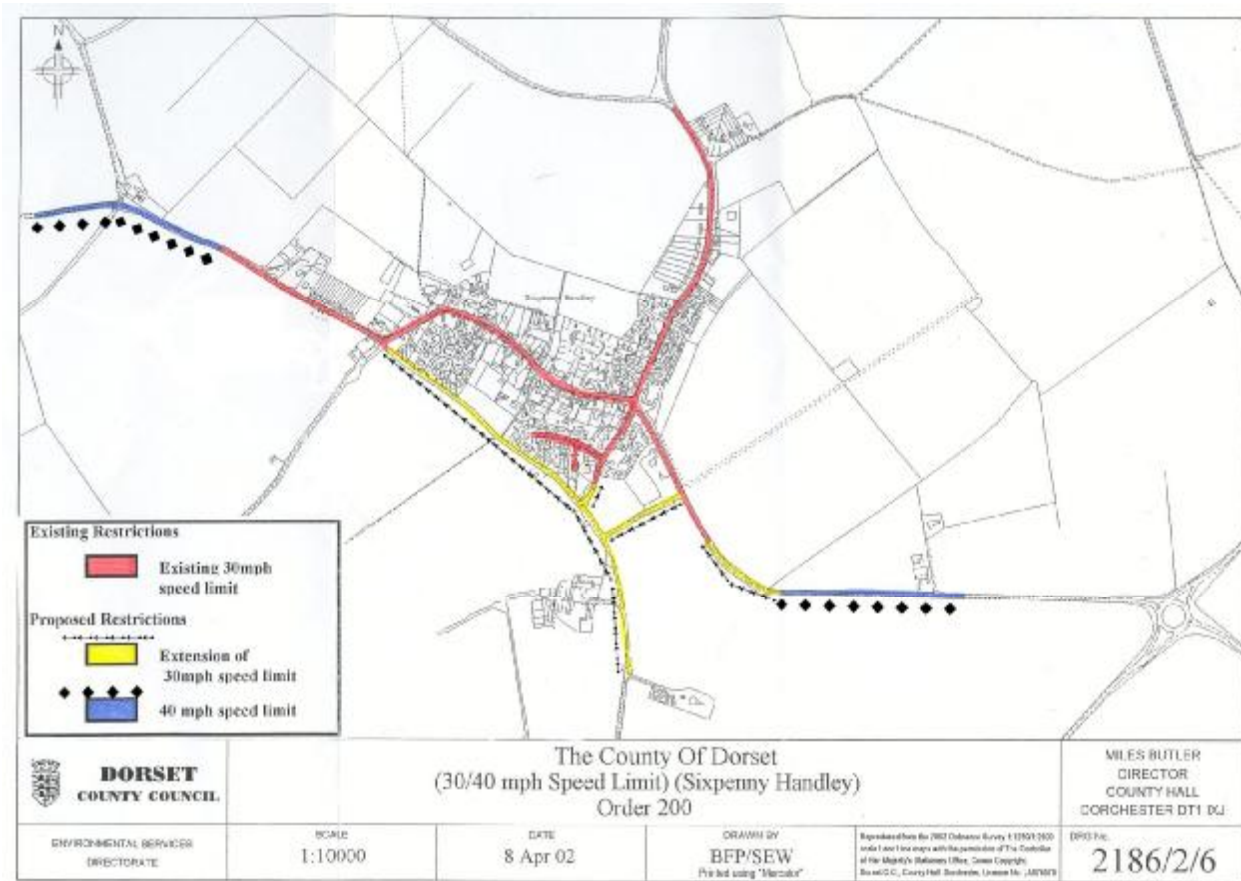
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- Low Immunity / general weakness (coughs, colds etc
- And many others...



**THE COUNTY OF DORSET (VARIOUS ROADS, SIXPENNY HANDLEY) (RESTRICTED ROADS AND 40 MPH SPEED LIMIT)(NO.) ORDER 200'**

Dorset County Council propose to make an Order under Sections 82(2) and 8392) and 8491) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

The effect of the Order will be to introduce a 40 mph speed limit and a 30 mph speed limit on specified lengths of road in Sixpenny Handley.

Full details of this proposal are contained in the Draft Order which, together with a plan showing the lengths of road affected and a statement of the County Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be inspected from Monday to Friday during normal office hours at :-

Environmental Services Directorate, Dorset County Council, County Hall, Colliton Park, DORCHESTER, Dorset and. the Planning Department, East Dorset District Council, Council offices, Furzehill, WIMBORNE, Dorset.

Should you wish to make any observations on this proposal (whether you support or object to the proposal) you should make them in writing to the undersigned by 13 June 2002. Any objections must specify the grounds on which they are made. Letters will be available for public inspection.

23 May 2002

ELAINE TAYLOR - (DN TRO 155)  
 Director of Corporate Services County Hall  
 Colliton Park  
 DORCHESTER, Dorset, DT1 1XJ

# **CAN'T AFFORD A HOME OF YOUR OWN .....? HOMEBUY .....COULD BE YOUR MOVE**

- Homebuy is a new scheme which allows you to buy a home on the open market with the support of a 25% loan from a Registered Social Landlord
- You may choose a suitable property freehold or leasehold, in England, subject to approval by the Registered Social Landlord.
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Eligibility is subject to Sovereign Housing Association receiving a Nomination from the Local Authority.

The Homebuy Scheme enables qualifying applicants to buy a home on the open market which they would otherwise be unable to afford. Homebuy is a government-backed scheme administered by Housing Associations.

Sovereign Housing Association has funding for this scheme in the following areas of Dorset: Bournemouth, Christchurch, Poole, Purbeck, East Dorset, North Dorset and West Dorset for this financial year 2002/3.

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## ***FUN RUN ON SATURDAY***

You can enter up to 12.30 pm on the day of the race which starts at 1.30 pm. Trophies for the winners and certificates for **all** the participants



## ***THE GRAND HOG ROAST***

will be ready on Saturday afternoon outside the Pavilion, and the bar will be open.

There will be burgers and sausages too!

## ***THE JUBILEE EXHIBITION***

This will be open on Sunday and Monday in the church, so do come along and enjoy fifty years of the history of Sixpenny Handley.



## ***SUNDAY AFTERNOON***

will bring Cream Teas served from the Vicarage together with a cake stall, plant stall and a chance to look round the Vicarage Garden.

## ***GRAND TREASURE HUNT***

The Treasure Hunt will start from the Church on Monday at 2.30 pm and is organised for all ages. There will be **PRIZES!**



## ***MONDAY NIGHT IS QUIZ NIGHT!***

Bring a team of four to the Village Hall or ring Val Martin on 552607 and she will find you a table.



## ***BONFIRE AT PENTRIDGE***

On Monday evening from 9.15pm light up the sky with the nation on Pentridge Hill



## ***JUBILEE CHICKEN LUNCH***

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Contact Mary Ferguson – 552222 or Jayne King 552231 for details of this culinary event.



# Sixpenny Handley Homewatch

This page shows the 'tree' of Homewatch volunteers, including some new names.

The Sub-Area Representatives also deliver The Downsman in their localities.

Our thanks go to everyone who is involved with this work.

Ours is a unique system in North-East Dorset and it seems to serve us very well.

Note: Woodyates and Pentridge have their own Homewatch Scheme.

| Chairman and<br>Police Focal Point                       |                                                                                                                                                                                   | John Curtis<br>552397                                                                      |
|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Area<br>Co-ordinators                                    | Sub-Area Representatives/<br>Downsman Deliverers                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                            |
| <b>Area 1:</b><br>Dean Lane<br>Don Penrose<br>552022     | <b>The Parsonage</b><br><b>Sycamore Close</b><br><b>Town Farm Place</b><br><b>The Orchard</b><br><b>Dean Lane (West)</b><br><b>Dean Lane (East)/ Keats Meadow/ Mulberry Court</b> | George Taylor<br>Lionel Smith<br>David Rowe<br>Don Penrose<br>Stan Perrott<br>Sheila Ralph |
| <b>Area 2:</b><br>Lower Handley<br>Mike Comben<br>552085 | <b>Lower High Street/ Littlefield Lane</b><br><b>Handley Park</b><br><b>Paddock Close</b><br><b>Handley Green</b><br><b>Sheasby Close</b>                                         | Derek Goddard<br>(To be confirmed)<br>Mike Comben<br>Wendy Partridge<br>Neil Bowes         |
| <b>Area 3:</b><br>Upper Handley<br>John Clarke<br>552674 | <b>Common Lane</b><br><b>Wheelrights Close/ The Hollow</b><br><b>St Mary's Close</b><br><b>Upper High Street/ St Mary's Court</b>                                                 | Tanya Symes<br>Ron Shelley<br>Pat Oxford<br>John Clarke                                    |
| <b>Area 4: Deanland/NE</b><br>Charles Nodder<br>552292   | <b>Newtown</b><br><b>Deanland North</b><br><b>Deanland South</b><br><b>Dean Lane (North)</b>                                                                                      | Melvyn Sparks<br>Patrick Taylor<br>Charles Nodder<br>Mark Muspratt                         |
| <b>Area 5:</b><br>West & South<br>George Tozer<br>552330 | <b>Handley Common</b><br><b>Chase Crescent</b><br><b>Woodcutts</b><br><b>Dean</b><br><b>Minchington/ Cashmoor</b><br><b>Thorney Down</b>                                          | Stella Groves<br>Sue Card<br>Bruce Haddingham<br>Freda Miles<br>Jim Davis<br>Ken Waddon    |

Why not keep this page safely for future reference.

## The 2002 Summer Rota for the Dorset Police Eastern Division Community Service Vehicles



continues

This year we have on the vehicle a property marking kit which will be available for marking Tack, Mobile Phones and Cycles.

We will visit Sixpenny Handley High Street, between 9:30 and 11:30am on the following dates:-  
**22<sup>nd</sup> June, 20<sup>th</sup> July, 17<sup>th</sup> August, 14<sup>th</sup> September, 12<sup>th</sup> October**

# The Downsman

## DON'T FORGET WHATS ON!!!

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| <b>Jun-01</b> | <b>Games for all</b>              | <b>22</b> | Jul-03        | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| <b>Jun-01</b> | <b>Hog Roast</b>                  | <b>22</b> | Jul-04        | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| <b>Jun-02</b> | <b>Jubilee Village Exhibition</b> | <b>22</b> | Jul-05        | School Summer Fun Evening     | 23        |
| <b>Jun-02</b> | <b>Jubilee Service</b>            | <b>22</b> | Jul-10        | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| <b>Jun-02</b> | <b>Cream Teas</b>                 | <b>22</b> | Jul-11        | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| <b>Jun-03</b> | <b>Treasure Hunt</b>              | <b>22</b> | Jul-17        | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
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| <b>Jun-04</b> | <b>Jubilee Chicken Lunch</b>      | <b>22</b> | Jul-20        | Police Community Vehicle      | 47        |
| Jun-05        | Dorset Art Weeks                  | 18        | Jul-24        | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| Jun-05        | Bridge at The Roebuck             | 13        | Jul-24        | Wednesday Club Outing         | 19        |
| Jun-06        | Chase Community Friends           | 11        | Jul-25        | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| Jun-10        | W.I. Meeting                      | 42        | Jul-25        | Mens Group                    | 35        |
| Jun-12        | Bridge at The Roebuck             | 13        | Jul-27        | CCC Open Day & Dog Show       | 43        |
| Jun-13        | Chase Community Friends           | 11        | Jul-31        | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| Jun-19        | Bridge at The Roebuck             | 13        | Aug-          | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| Jun-20        | Chase Community Friends           | 11        | Aug-          | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| Jun-22        | Village Hall Auction              | 32        | Aug-          | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| Jun-22        | Police Community Vehicle          | 47        | Aug-          | Bridge at The Roebuck         | 13        |
| Jun-26        | Bridge at The Roebuck             | 13        | Aug-          | Chase Community Friends       | 11        |
| Jun-27        | Chase Community Friends           | 11        | Aug-          | Flower Show                   | 28        |
| Jun-27        | Mens Group                        | 35        | Aug-          | Police Community Vehicle      | 47        |